

FISCAL YEAR 2011 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

As submitted to the Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies on April 27, 2010:

U.S. Department of Transportation (grants)

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

Transportation Planning, Research and Development

Project Name: I-81 Corridor Coalition

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Cumberland County, PA

Request: \$1,700,000

Account: Transportation Planning, Research and Development

<u>I-81 Corridor Coalition</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1,700,000 to provide operating funds to support a staff of six individuals for the Interstate 81 Corridor Coalition. The staff will coordinate transportation planning and infrastructure investments throughout Interstate 81, which covers 854 miles in six states. No integrated corridor-wide plan exists to coordinate the programming of transportation infrastructure investments through numerous Metropolitan Planning Organizations. Without such planning, investments are not fully effective, thus wasting federal and state taxpayer resources.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Facilities and Equipment

Project Name: Reading Regional Airport Authority Medium Approach Lighting System

Grantee: Reading Regional Airport Authority Location: City of Reading, Berks County, PA

Request: \$ 1,750,000

Account: Facilities and Equipment

Reading Regional Airport Authority Medium Approach Lighting System – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1,750,000 to install a Medium Intensity Lightings System with a Runway End Identifier Light System on Runway 13 Instrument Landing System to enhance safety at Reading Regional Airport. Reading Airport is home to Quest Diagnostics, two full service Fixed Base Operators, two based charter operators,

Southwest Airline Charters, and a number of corporate aircraft operators and these improvements will greatly enhance their operations and safety at the airport.

Airport Improvement Program

Project Name: Arnold Palmer Regional Airport Runway Rehabilitation

Grantee: Westmoreland County Airport Authority
Location: Unity Township, Westmoreland County, PA

Request: \$2,175,000

Account: Airport Improvement Program

<u>Arnold Palmer Regional Airport Runway Rehabilitation</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$2,175,000 to repave the road system in the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport. Funding will be used for the needed rehabilitation of the primary runway and its parallel taxiway at the Airport, which is located in Unity Township, Westmoreland County. This project includes total resurfacing and re-application of all runway and taxiway markings.

Project Name: Pittsburgh International Airport Deicing Storm Water Treatment Plant

Grantee: Allegheny County Airport Authority

Location: Allegheny County, PA

Request: \$10,000,000

Account: Airport Improvement Program

<u>Pittsburgh International Airport Deicing Storm Water Treatment Plant</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$10,000,000 for construction of a deicing storm water treatment plant at Pittsburgh International Airport (PIT). In addition to commercial air travel, the airport also includes the 911th Air Force Reserve Base and the 171st PA Air National Guard Base. This deicing storm water treatment facility is necessary to ensure that PIT can operate at full capacity during winter.

Project Name: Washington County Airport Northside Development

Grantee: Washington County Planning Commission

Location: South Franklin Township, Washington County, PA

Request: \$ 2,300,000

Account: Airport Improvement Program

<u>Washington County Airport Northside Development</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$2,300,000 for the Washington County Airports' Northside Development project. Funding will be used to continue development of the Airport's Northside Complex to accommodate the expansion needs of companies currently located at the airport. This project will encourage economic development in Washington County and is estimated to double the number of employees at these airport-related companies.

Project Name: Wilkes-Barre Scranton International Airport Intermodal Center

Grantee: Wilkes-Barre Scranton International Airport

Location: Avoca, Lackawanna County, PA

Request: \$10,000,000

Account: Airport Improvement Program

<u>Wilkes-Barre Scranton International Airport Intermodal Center</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$10,000,000 for design and construction of an intermodal center at the Wilkes-Barre Scranton International Airport. Wilkes-Barre Scranton International Airport is well situated to provide the air transportation needs of travelers in northeastern Pennsylvanian and the surrounding region. The airport is preparing to increase its services and operations and requires the necessary infrastructure to accommodate such an expansion. The new intermodal center will act as a ground transportation hub connecting travelers to public transportation and will significantly increase the number of parking spots.

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

Transportation, Community and System Preservation

Project Name: Allentown 19th Street Enhancements

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Allentown, Lehigh County, PA

Request: \$900,000

Account: Transportation, Community and System Preservation

<u>Allentown 19th Street Enhancements</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$900,000 for streetscape enhancements for the 19th Street Corridor in the West End District of Allentown, PA. Anchored by a major hospital on one side and a college on the other, this district has been identified as a key strategic planning area by the City of Allentown. A study was conducted and conceptual designs have been approved by the community and the City for improvements that will help attract businesses and encourage economic development.

Project Name: Business Park Greenway and Streetscape Improvement

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Lower Providence Township, Montgomery County, PA

Request: \$750,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

<u>Business Park Greenway and Streetscape Improvement</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$750,000 for design, engineering, and construction of bicycle and pedestrian paths, gateway and signage installations, and other streetscape improvements to roads surrounding the Valley Forge Corporate Center (VCCC). Vacancy at VCCC has increased and the Township is actively working to retain current businesses located at the Center and attract new ones. To this end, the Township has developed, in consultation with business owners, a master plan to improve the conditions within and around the VCCC. One component of the Master Plan, requested by the property and business owners, are gateway and streetscape improvements for which this funding will be used.

Project Name: Canonsburg Main Street Revitalization

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Canonsburg, Washington County, PA

Request: \$1,600,000

Account: Transportation, Community and System Preservation

<u>Canonsburg Main Street Revitalization</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1,600,000 for streetscape renovations and traffic and safety upgrades along Pike Street in Canonsburg, PA. The Borough is undertaking a major Main Street project to enhance Canonsburg and encourage economic development. Toward this end, they recently completed construction of a new Greater Canonsburg Public Library, which is located in the area where these improvements are planned. The Main Street Project has been identified as a key component to the revitalization of Canonsburg Borough.

Project Name: Carlisle Downtown Streetscape Improvement Project

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Carlisle, Cumberland County, PA

Request: \$3,900,000

Account: Transportation, Community and System Preservation

<u>Carlisle Downtown Streetscape Improvement Project</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$3,900,000 for streetscape improvements to the Borough of Carlisle's main thoroughfares, High and Hanover Streets, and the square at the center of town where the two streets intersect. The Borough developed a concept plan in 2007 aimed at facilitating downtown revitalization and reducing of urban blight. Proposed improvements include sidewalk and curb replacement, refurbished street lighting, new tree wells and street furniture.

Project Name: City Avenue Revitalization Project

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Bala Cynwyd, Montgomery County PA

Request: \$4,000,000

Account: Transportation, Community and System Preservation

<u>City Avenue Revitalization Project</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$4,000,000 to construct streetscape and safety improvements along the City Avenue/US 1 Corridor in Philadelphia and Lower Merion, PA. The improvements are part of the City Avenue Revitalization Project, which was undertaken to make the City Avenue corridor more pedestrian friendly, successful, vibrant and diverse. Proposed improvements include pedestrian scale lighting, safety improvements such as coordinated signalization and refuges in street medians and traffic calming devices.

Project Name: East Falls Streetscape Project

Grantee: PENNDOT Location: Philadelphia, PA

Request: \$950,000

Account: Transportation, Community and System Preservation

<u>East Falls Streetscape Project</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$950,000 for improvements to Ridge Avenue, which is the main commercial corridor through the East Falls neighborhood of Philadelphia. Ridge Avenue is part of a miles-long system that travels through numerous neighborhood commercial corridors and, in East Falls, parallels the Schuylkill River. The proposed improvements will greatly enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety and improve the street and sidewalks to make the corridor more attractive to businesses.

Project Name: Elkins Park East Transportation Enhancements

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Township of Cheltenham, Montgomery County, PA

Request: \$1,400,000

Account: Transportation, Community and System Preservation

Elkins Park East Transportation Enhancements – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1,400,000 for streetscape enhancements, traffic calming improvements and way-finding signage on Montgomery, Harrison and Park Avenues and High School Road in the downtown Elkins Park East Commercial Districts. The Township is seeking to improve this commercial district by means of traffic calming and physical site improvements and signage in order to facilitate economic growth and stabilization; both of the commercial core and the surrounding neighborhood that primarily supports the businesses.

Project Name: Gettysburg Western Gateway Transportation Improvements

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Gettysburg, Adams County, PA

Request: \$960,000

Account: Transportation, Community and System Preservation

Gettysburg Western Gateway Transportation Improvements – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$960,000 for safety improvements, heritage trail development and trailhead parking on Seminary Ridge at the western end of the Borough of Gettysburg. This road, which runs through the grounds of the historic Lutheran Theological Seminary on the north end of Gettysburg Military Park, is where the Army of the Potomac held its ground on the first day of the Battle of Gettysburg. The heritage trail will be a multi-use pathway, lined by wayside exhibits that interpret the history of the ridge and the project will include landscaping, benches, pavers, kiosks and crosswalks. The Borough of Gettysburg is planning for a tourism surge as the 150th anniversary of the Civil War approaches and this project is critical to their planning efforts.

Project Name: Philadelphia Office District Transportation Enhancements

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: City of Philadelphia, PA

Request: \$2,000,000

Account: Transportation, Community and System Preservation

<u>Philadelphia Office District Transportation Enhancements</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$2,000,000 to plan, design and implement several transportation enhancements in Philadelphia's Center City office district. The enhancements include four projects are intended to enhance the economic competitiveness of Center City Philadelphia's office district, reduce greenhouse and gas emissions and dependency on the automobile, facilitate safe, sustainable ways of commuting to work and enhance two of the city's main commercial corridors as primary gateways to downtown.

Project Name: Spring Garden Street Greenway

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: City of Philadelphia, PA

Request: \$413,000

Account: Transportation, Community and System Preservation

<u>Spring Garden Street Greenway</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$413,000 for enhancements to Spring Garden Street in Philadelphia, PA. Spring Garden is a heavily travelled road and its poor intersection design and lack of facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians make it a dangerous route, which has resulted in numerous collisions. Proposed improvements include sustainable practices for pedestrian and bicycle circulation and

storm water management. Specifically, the requested funding will be used toward a Conceptual Technical Analysis, a Conceptual Design for individual Spring Garden blocks, and a Master Plan for implementation of the concept.

Project Name: Swarthmore Town Center West Transportation Improvements

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Swarthmore Borough, Delaware County, PA

Request: \$1,000,000

Account: Transportation, Community and System Preservation

<u>Swarthmore Town Center West Transportation Improve</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1,000,000 for transportation improvements along State Route 320 within the Borough of Swarthmore, Delaware County. These improvements are part of a broader redevelopment project, known as Swarthmore Town Center West, which will include much-needed commercial and retail amenities within the Borough. The proposed improvements will address vehicular congestion and safety and promote intermodal transportation through pedestrian and bicycle routes.

Project Name: Traffic Operations Center

Grantee: PENNDOT Location: Philadelphia, PA Request: \$1,000,000

Account: Transportation, Community and System Preservation

<u>Traffic Operations Center</u> – I urge the subcommittee to provide \$1,000,000 for a Traffic Operations Center in the City of Philadelphia, which will be able to monitor and control over 400 signalized intersections and up to 100 traffic monitoring cameras on major corridors throughout the city. The establishment of this Center would improve the City's ability to monitor major roadway corridors, improve traffic flow and better respond to emergencies.

Project Name: Tri-Boroughs Streetscape Improvements

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Camp Hill, Lemoyne, and Wormleysburg, Cumberland County, PA

Request: \$1,000,000

Account: Transportation, Community and System Preservation

<u>Tri-Boroughs Streetscape Improvements</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1,000,000 to build out the segments of streetscape improvements in three contiguous boroughs (Camp Hill, Lemoyne, and Wormleysburg) on the West Shore in Cumberland County. Improvements will include brick crosswalks, ornamental street lighting, street trees, and brick sidewalk pavers. The project will improve the livability of the communities by promoting walking, by removing architectural barriers to persons with disabilities, and by greening the downtown areas.

Federal Lands

Project Name: U.S. Route 422 River Crossing

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Valley Forge, Montgomery County, PA

Request: \$1,200,000 Account: Federal Lands

<u>US 422 River Crossing</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1,200,000 for the reconstruction of the US 422 bridge crossing the Schuylkill River at Valley Forge and improvements to the 422 interchanges at Routes 23 and PA 363. This bridge reconstruction is necessary as the current bridge in structurally deficient. The additional interchange reconfigurations will improve safety and reduce congestion for the US 422 corridor and adjacent communities.

Surface Transportation Priorities

Project Name: Albert Einstein Regional Medical Center Transportation Improvements

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: East Norriton, Montgomery County, PA

Request: \$5,000,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

New Regional Medical Center – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$5,000,000 for transportation improvements related to the construction of a new healthcare facility in East Norriton, PA. The Albert Einstein Healthcare Network plans to expand its health network into central Montgomery County, as the majority of residents in this area must currently seek healthcare services elsewhere. To address anticipated traffic concerns and to facilitate further economic development in the area, local transportation planners have recommended road widening and addition of a turning center lane to improve safety on the local road.

Project Name: Allentown Multi Modal Linkage Initiative

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Allentown, Lehigh County, PA

Request: \$1,000,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Allentown Multi Modal Linkage Initiative – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1,000,000 for the City of Allentown's Multi Modal Linkage Initiative, which will ultimately consist of an expansive trail network throughout the City. The plan, which has been approved by Allentown City Council, calls for the creation of new bike and pedestrian trails and repaving and improving the city's existing trails in order to expand transportation options for residents of the community. Encouraging non-motorized modes of transportation will take cars off local roads, thereby easing congestion and reducing pollution.

Project Name: Bangor Borough Local Roads Project

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Borough of Bangor, Northampton County, PA

Request: \$500,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

<u>Bangor Borough Local Roads Project</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$500,000 for the Borough of Bangor to reconstruct and resurface local roads, which are in need of repair. During the last 15 years, Bangor has experienced a severe decline in its tax base due to outmigration of industries, which has hindered the borough's ability to maintain its infrastructure.

Project Name: Bentleyville Interchange Improvements

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Washington County, PA

Request: \$2,000,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Bentleyville Interchange Improvements – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$2,000,000 to rehabilitate the Bentleyville interchange on Interstate 70 in Washington County, PA. The Bentleyville Interchange, as well as the bridge over the Interchange, is severely deficient and this rehabilitation effort will help keep this section of a main national arterial roadway structurally sound. The roadway is critical to this region, connecting manufacturers from all over the country to regional points of sale, as well as commuters working at these points.

Project Name: Boot Road Extension Bridge over Brandywine Creek

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Downingtown, Chester County, PA

Request: \$1,820,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Boot Road Extension Bridge over Brandywine Creek – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1,820,000 for construction costs associated with the Boot Road Extension Bridge, a new bridge that will provide access to several redevelopment sites in the Borough of Downingtown. This bridge is one component of the overall Boot Road Extension Project, which will improve access to and functionality of U.S. Routes 322 and 30. This project, and the construction of this bridge, will encourage economic development in Downingtown and the region.

Project Name: Broad Street Causeway Reconstruction

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: City of Philadelphia, PA

Request: \$5,000,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

<u>Broad Street Causeway Reconstruction</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$5,000,000 to rebuild the deteriorating Broad Street causeway structure over the Navy Yard Reserve Basin to ensure continued access for the 1,800 Navy employees and 6,500 private sector employees accessing the Navy Yard daily. The project is needed for the safety of these employees at The Navy Yard as well as to continue the redevelopment efforts.

Project Name: Bustleton Avenue Intersection Improvements

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: City of Philadelphia, PA

Request: \$800,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

<u>Bustleton Ave Intersection Improvements</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$800,000 to design and construct improvements to the intersection of Bustleton Avenue and Byberry Road. This intersection has become one of most heavily trafficked intersections in Philadelphia, which has created safety concerns and congestion. Funding will be used to upgrade the traffic signals and add a turning lane to make improve traffic flow.

Project Name: Carrie Furnace Fly-Over Bridge

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, PA

Request: \$10,000,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

<u>Carrie Furnace Fly-Over Bridge</u> - I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$10,000,000 for the construction of a fly-over ramp to the Carrie Furnace Redevelopment, a site identified by Pennsylvania as a Brownfield requiring priority assistance. This 168 acre Brownfield site is located along the Monongahela River and construction of this fly-over would allow for much needed additional access.

Project Name: Cool Valley Boulevard Construction

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Washington County, PA

Request: \$700,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

<u>Cool Valley Boulevard Construction</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$700,000 for the engineering costs for the construction of Cool Valley Boulevard. Cool Valley Boulevard will serve as a connection from Morganza Road off of Southpointe Boulevard to Hahn Road and its eventual intersection with McMurray Road, enhancing accessibility throughout the region, mitigating current traffic congestion, and accommodating increased volume resulting from planned growth in the area.

Project Name: Cranberry Woods Connector Road

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Allegheny County, PA

Request: \$2,097,500

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

<u>Cranberry Woods Connector Road</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$2,097,500 for the design and construction of a connector road between the Cranberry Woods office park and Freeport Road in Cranberry, PA. Currently, access to and from the Cranberry Woods office park is inadequate, which limits growth potential, and creates traffic safety and mobility problems. Specifically, a major corporation that established a significant presence in Cranberry last year would like to expand its operations, and infrastructure improvements, including this connector road, could help facilitate this expansion. This development would create new jobs in the community and add to the thousands that were created when the company first moved into the area.

Project Name: Danville Borough Spruce Street Improvement Project

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Borough of Danville, Montour County, PA

Request: \$1,400,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

<u>Danville Borough Spruce Street Improvement Project</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1,400,000 to construct improvements on Spruce Street through Danville Borough and Mahoning Township. Spruce Street is a primary access route to Geisinger Hospital and it is inadequate to handle the daily traffic related to the

hospital and surrounding community. The substandard condition of the road creates congestion and delays; as a result, motorist often use alternate routes, which extend through residential neighborhoods, creating noise, pollution, and safety hazards for the residents.

Project Name: Derry Township Park Boulevard Relocation

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Borough of Derry Township, Dauphin County, PA

Request: \$2,200,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

<u>Derry Township Park Boulevard Relocation</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$2,200,000 for the relocation of Park Boulevard in Derry Township and the replacement of a structurally deficient and functionally obsolete bridge. Park Boulevard is part a transportation system that provides access to many of this region's key economic area, including those related to the Hershey Foods Corporation. With significant economic growth and commercial development in the area, the continued deterioration of existing infrastructure has increased concerns about the functionality and safety of Park Boulevard. The current alignment of the roadway and the existing bridge has resulted in congestion on this system and seriously impacts residents, employees, and visitors. The relocation of Park Boulevard will dramatically improve regional mobility and enable planned economic development.

Project Name: Franklin County Bridge Replacements

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Franklin County, PA

Request: \$3,000,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

<u>Franklin County Bridge Replacements</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$3,000,000 for improvements and repairs of Franklin County owned bridges in Pennsylvania. Franklin County maintains 93 bridges, which are a critical part of the County's ground transportation infrastructure. Maintaining these bridges will help facilitate traffic flow throughout the County and help encourage economic vitality in the area as well as the health, safety and welfare of Franklin County residents.

Project Name: Franklin County Regional Intermodal Facility

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Franklin County, PA

Request: \$5,000,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

<u>Franklin County Regional Intermodal Facility</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$5,000,000 for construction of the proposed Franklin County Regional Intermodal Facility, which is part of the Crescent Corridor Intermodal Freight Program of projects to divert long-haul trucks traveling between the Northeast and Southeast to rail. It will be built two miles south of Greencastle in Franklin County on the Norfolk Southern main line running between Harrisburg and Virginia, will occupy 200 acres, and will perform the transfer of freight containers and trailers between rail and highway modes of transportation.

Project Name: Freedom Road Transportation Improvement Project

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Cranberry Township, Butler County, PA

Request: \$500,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

<u>Freedom Road Transportation Improvement Project</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$500,000 for right-of-way acquisition and utility upgrades related to the Freedom Road Transportation Improvement Project. The project calls for the widening of sections along Freedom Road (State Route 3020), between State Route 19 and Powell Road, Freedom Road Bridge, which crosses over Interstate 76. This project is necessary to accommodate existing and future traffic needs in the corridor and is part of a much larger proposal for improvements for the corridor, which will be implemented in a multiphase approach. This funding will help facilitate the planned improvements, which will ultimately reduce congestion and improve safety, visibility, and convenience for motorists.

Project Name: Greensburg Pike Bridge

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Turtle Creek Borough, Allegheny County, PA

Request: \$10,000,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

<u>Greensburg Pike Bridge</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$10,000,000 for replacement of the structurally deficient Greensburg Pike Bridge in Turtle Creek Borough, PA. The Greensburg Pike Bridge provides a critical link from the Turtle Creek business district to surrounding communities and State Route 30, a major local corridor. The continued function of the structure is necessary to facilitate local industry and economic growth within the region.

Project Name: High Street Bridge Replacement

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Bethlehem, Lehigh County, PA

Request: \$1,200,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

<u>High Street Bridge Replacement</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1,200,000 for engineering design and construction of a new bridge to replace the High Street Bridge in Bethlehem, PA. The High Street Bridge is structurally deficient and a new bridge is necessary to provide safe passage motorists. A new bridge will also provide pedestrian access for a planned regional trail network.

Project Name: Hospital Transportation Improvements

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Kelly Township, Union County, PA

Request: \$1,818,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

<u>Hospital Transportation Improvements</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1,818,000 for transportation improvements related to the expansion of the medical campus of Evangelical Community Hospital in Kelly Township, Union County, Pennsylvania. These transportation improvements will address safety and mobility issues along the U.S. Route 15 corridor, which serves as a national north-south throughway for freight delivery. These improvements will also increase emergency access to the Hospital.

Project Name: Improvements to I-79 at Southpointe Boulevard

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Cecil Township, Washington County, PA

Request: \$5,000,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Improvements to I-79 at Southpointe Boulevard – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$5,000,000 for improvements to the Interstate 79 Southpointe Interchange, Southpointe Boulevard and the Morganza Road corridor in Cecil Township, Washington County. Improvements include upgrades to existing ramps, road widening, other intersection improvements and additional and upgraded signalization. This project will resolve current regional traffic deficiencies by improving the service of the interchange, which will mitigate traffic congestion, enhance motorist safety and make accessible existing undeveloped property.

Project Name: Improvements at the Mt. Morris interchange of Interstate 79

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Perry Township, Greene County, PA

Request: \$1,000,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Improvements at the Mt. Morris interchange of Interstate 79 – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1,000,000 for widening and realignment associated with the interchange of Interstate 79 and Locust Avenue (State Route 2009) in Greene County, Pennsylvania. According to local officials, improvements to the transportation system at Exit 1 off Interstate 79, and its connections to State Route 2009 and the local road network, are key to current and future economic development efforts in Greene County.

Project Name: Lafayette Street Extension Project

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Montgomery County, PA

Request: \$1,000,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

<u>Lafayette Street Extension Project</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$ 1,000,000 for the Lafayette Street Extension Project in Montgomery County, PA. The Lafayette Street Extension Project is an effort to improve mobility to and spur economic development in the county seat of Norristown by creating a direct connection from downtown Norristown to the region's highway system. The project will widen and rebuild existing Lafayette Street, extend it to the Pennsylvania Turnpike and build a new EZ-Pass-only full-movement interchange.

Project Name: Laurel Highlands Industrial Park Route 31 Improvements

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Somerset, Somerset County, PA

Request: \$851,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

<u>Laurel Highlands Industrial Park Route 31 Improvements</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$851,000 for improvements to State Route 31 at the Laurel Highlands Industrial Park. Improvements to the infrastructure surrounding this 108 acre site include widening of the roadway to accommodate turning lanes and traffic signalization as required by a transportation impact study ordered by PENNDOT. The proposed project will mitigate projected traffic congestion at the intersection of State Route 31 and Technology Drive.

Project Name: Lower Hill Infrastructure Project

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, PA

Request: \$1,200,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

<u>Lower Hill Infrastructure Project</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1,200,000 to construct five roads in Pittsburgh's Lower Hill District to reconnect the neighborhood to the central business district. The current Mellon Arena site is comprised of 28 acres in the Lower Hill District of Pittsburgh. The site is intended to be re-developed for mixed-use including residential housing, street-level retail, small-scale commercial, green spaces and other mixed-use features.

Reestablishing the street grid and associated infrastructure is critical for this development.

Project Name: Mechanicsburg Borough Allendale Road Reconstruction

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Mechanicsburg Borough, Cumberland County, PA

Request: \$700,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Mechanicsburg Borough Allendale Road Reconstruction – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$700,000 for reconstruction of Allendale Road in the Borough of Mechanicsburg. The Borough has identified as a top reconstruction priority, a portion of Allendale Road that serves as a throughway to several main points within the region and alleviates congestion from arterial corridors throughout the area. Funding will be used to repair a section of Allendale Road from Simpson Street, which serves as a main route through the Borough, to Cocklin Street in the south, which serves a major portion of the Borough's residential growth.

Project Name: North Cornwall Commons Transportation Improvements

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: North Cornwall Township, Lebanon County, PA

Request: \$1,000,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

North Cornwall Commons Transportation Improvements – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1,000,000 for transportation planning and improvements to various intersections in the vicinity of the North Cornwall Commons project area. This project is to construct a mixed use/livable community development that will combine residential, retail and office uses on a single site that will be inter- and intra-connected with bike and pedestrian trails and transit access. This project will encourage economic development and create jobs and these infrastructure improvements are necessary to move the project forward.

Project Name: Northern Way and East Market Street Intersection Improvement Project

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Springettsbury, York County, PA

Request: \$930,732

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Northern Way and East Market Street Intersection Improvement Project – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$930,732 for proposed improvements to this intersection in Springettsbury, PA. Improvements include the addition of a westbound right turn lane to Northern Way, which will reduce congestion, while allowing tractor trailers and passenger vehicles to safely make turns onto East Market Street.

Project Name: Ohio River Boulevard Signalization Project

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Sewickley, Allegheny County, PA

Request: \$1,223,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Ohio River Boulevard Signalization Project – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1,223,000 for signalization replacement, upgrades, and related safety improvements along State Route 65 in Allegheny County, known as Ohio River Boulevard. This highway experiences at times significant traffic, which is exacerbated by three heavily congested intersections: Chestnut, Broad, and Walnut Streets. The proposed improvements are necessary to ease traffic congestion, which currently contributes to more accidents, obstructs emergency services, and hinders development.

Project Name: Orr's Bridge Replacement Project

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Hampden Township, Cumberland County, PA

Request: \$3,000,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Orr's Bridge Replacement Project – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$3,000,000 to fund engineering, design, and other preconstruction costs necessary to reconstruct Orr's Bridge in Hampden Township, Cumberland County. The current bridge is functionally obsolete, structurally deficient, and has a useful remaining lifespan of only 8 years.

Project Name: Pathways to Health Transportation Enhancements

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Williamsport, Lycoming County, PA

Request: \$2,000,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

<u>Pathways to Health Transportation Enhancement</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$2,000,000 to improve transportation from Interstate 80 to a health facility in Williamsport, PA which is planning a major expansion. Susquehanna Health is planning a \$250 million expansion to their health facility in Williamsport to increase their emergency room capacity, add new private rooms and expand the cancer treatment center, all of which will create thousands of new jobs. The expansion will increase traffic to the facility and therefore the County is planning to improve access from Interstate 80. Funding will be used for street widening, signalization improvement, pedestrian crosswalks, curbs and sidewalks, street lighting and destination signage.

Project Name: Pennsylvania House Site Transportation Improvements

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Lewisburg, Union County, PA

Request: \$1,500,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

<u>Pennsylvania House Site Transportation Improvements</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1,500,000 for infrastructure improvements associated with the redevelopment of the former 42-acre Pennsylvania House Furniture manufacturing site. Specific transportation improvements include engineering, roadway

construction, utility construction, sidewalks, street lighting, storm drainage, and other related improvements. This redevelopment project will revitalize an existing Brownfield site.

Project Name: Rock Hill Road/Belmont Avenue Improvements

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Montgomery County, PA

Request: \$10,000,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Rock Hill Road/Belmont Avenue Improvements – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$10,000,000 for right-of-way acquisition and road improvements related to the Belmont Avenue/Rock Hill Road Improvement Project in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. This proposal is the product of extensive traffic planning which began in 2000 among stakeholders and local and state transportation planners. The proposal calls for the replacement of a Norfolk Southern Bridge in order to enhance future freight traffic, and the widening Belmont Avenue from two to five lanes in order to increase safety, decrease congestion, and provide for economic development in the Township.

Project Name: Route 21 Transportation Improvement Project

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Perry Township, Fayette County, PA

Request: \$2,100,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Route 21 Transportation Improvement Project – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$2,100,000 for final engineering of a project to rebuild a segment of Route 21 in Fayette County. The proposed work on this three-mile stretch of road is part of the ongoing effort to reduce congestion, improve safety, improve visibility, and enhance convenience for motorists.

Project Name: Route 422 Interchange and Egypt Road Improvement Project

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Oaks, Montgomery County, PA

Request: \$1,043,920

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Route 422 Interchange and Egypt Road Improvement Project - I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1,043,920 to construct improvements at the U.S. Route 422/Oaks Interchange to improve access to the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, one of the largest privately owned exhibition centers on the East Coast. This project is to mitigate traffic congestion at the intersection of U.S. Route 422 and Egypt Road (State Route 4002), both heavily traveled commuter corridors that experience high traffic volumes during peak periods.

Project Name: Schuylkill River Trail Completion

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Philadelphia County, PA

Request: \$5,000,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Schuylkill River Trail Completion – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$5,000,000 to help complete the Schuylkill River Trail by closing six remaining gaps located in South, Southwest and Northwest Philadelphia. Building these trail segments will create a sustainable green transportation corridor that will increase non-motorized commuting and enhance the livability of underserved Philadelphia neighborhoods by increasing green space and trails.

Project Name: State Route 3 Improvements

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Newtown Township, Delaware County, PA

Request: \$1,500,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

<u>State Route 3 Improvements</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1,500,000 for the construction of improvements at the intersection of State Routes 252 and 3 in Delaware County. Specifically, State Route 3 will be widened to accommodate additional turn lanes. These improvements are necessary to mitigate congestion through this intersection, which is heavily trafficked and expected to become busier the surrounding area is further developed. In addition to benefits for the local community, these improvements will also enhance roadway conditions for commuters and pass through traffic, representing the majority of trips through this intersection, benefiting travelers throughout Delaware County.

Project Name: State Route 10 Improvement Project

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Borough of New Morgan, Berks County, PA

Request: \$3,180,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

State Route 10 Improvement Project – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$3,180,000 for the construction of improvements to Route 10 in New Morgan Borough, PA. Improvements to Route 10, including a widening of the road, will support the remediation and development of a 3,000 acre Brownfield site in the Borough of New Morgan. In addition to the benefits for the Brownfield site redevelopment efforts, the proposed improvements to the Borough's transportation system will also help accommodate regional traffic growth in surrounding communities.

Project Name: State Route 441 Improvements

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Lower Swatara Township, Dauphin County, PA

Request: \$6,100,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

State Route 441 Improvements – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$6,100,000 for improvements to State Route 441 at the intersections of Fulling Mill Road and Spring Garden Drive in Lower Swatara Township, Dauphin County, PA. This section of Route 441 has been identified as a high volume crash area by the Township. Additionally, these improvements will help alleviate current traffic safety concerns and help facilitate the creation of a future mixed-use development that will encourage economic development in the area.

Project Name: State Route 981 Improvements

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Unity Township, Westmoreland County, PA

Request: \$6,400,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

State Route 981 Improvements – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$6,400,000 to improve the segment of State Route 981 that stretches from State Route 30 to the Westmoreland Airpark. Proposed improvements include signalization, traffic flow pattern improvements and pedestrian safety enhancements. State Route 981 intersects with Route 30, which is a major corridor that stretches from the eastern border of Westmoreland County to the western border with Allegheny County. Additionally this intersection is the location of the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport. This project will improve connectivity between 30 Route, the Airport and the Westmoreland Airpark, thereby encouraging economic development.

Project Name: Sterling Business Park Transportation Improvements

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Sterling Township, Wayne County, PA

Request: \$1,300,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

<u>Sterling Business Park Transportation Improvements</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1,300,000 for transportation improvements related to Sterling Business Park in Wayne County. Specifically, funding will be used for the relocation and realignment of the intersection of State Routes 191 and 3004 in Sterling Township to correct existing safety issues and provide safe access for the Sterling Business Park.

Project Name: Tamiment at Highland Village Transportation Improvement

Grantee: PENNDOT
Location: Pike County, PA
Request: \$3,000,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Tamiment at Highland Village Transportation Improvement – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$3,000,000 for transportation improvements in Lehman Township, which aim to address currently stressed road systems in the area. Due to current levels of traffic volume and expected growth from new development, PENNDOT has identified the need to improve the current road systems by addressing the sharply curved and steep roads, as well as realignment and improving site distance at existing intersections and driveways, reconstruction of portions of the road to improve drainage, puddling and icing conditions, and widening the roadway to allow shoulders and turn lanes. The project will support the development of Highland Village, a commercial and residential development that is estimated to generate over 8,000 jobs.

Project Name: Thorn Run Interchange

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Moon Township, Allegheny County, PA

Request: \$2,600,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

<u>Thorn Run Interchange</u>: I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$2,600,000 for the Thorn Run Road Interchange upgrade in Pennsylvania. Development surrounding the interchange has increased substantially and the Thorn Run Road Interchange currently supports over 2.5 million square feet of commercial

development. As a result of this increased growth and the many developments within Moon Township, it is now necessary to perform upgrades at the interchange to improve safety and ease congestion. Funding specifically consists of signalizing and reconfiguring the ramps of the Business Route 60 Thorn Run Road exit in Moon Township, Allegheny County.

Project Name: Uptown Worthington

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: East Whiteland Township, Chester County, PA

Request: \$680,692

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

<u>Uptown Worthington</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$680,692 for regional roadway and traffic signal improvements surrounding the site of the 100-acre former Worthington Steel facility. This Brownfield site, on which Worthington Steel operated an industrial facility from the mid-1950s into the 1990s, is being developed into a commercial and residential center and requires transportation improvements to accommodate new business and traffic. Improvements include road and ramp widening, new roadway overlays, the installation of new traffic signals and upgrading existing traffic signals.

Project Name: U.S. Route 22 Section 400 Improvement Project

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Lehigh County, PA

Request: \$ 10,000,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

<u>U.S. Route 22 Section 400 Improvement Project</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$10,000,000 for the U.S. Route 22 Section 400 Improvement Project. A study conducted by the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, the local Metropolitan Planning Organization, called for numerous improvements to Section 400 of Route 22, including widening, ramp improvements, elevating and rebuilding of several bridges. Route 22 is a critical corridor through the Lehigh Valley, which is geographically located between Philadelphia and New York City, and experiences significant traffic as a result, including approximately 100,000 vehicles daily through this particular stretch of highway. This improvement project will address safety concerns, traffic congestion and encourage economic development in the region.

Project Name: U.S. Route 22 and Progress Ave Intersection Project

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Susquehanna Township, Dauphin County, PA

Request: \$7,717,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

<u>U.S. Route 22 and Progress Ave Intersection Project</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$7,717,000 for construction of improvements to the intersection of Walnut Street (U.S. Route 22) and Progress Avenue. This project will enhance safety and mitigate traffic congestion in Susquehanna Township, Pennsylvania. The Walnut Street Corridor acts as the Eastern Gateway into Harrisburg and the surrounding communities, connecting commuters to Interstate 83 and Interstate 81. Walnut Street has for decades been heavily traveled with significant congestion and safety concerns. A study of this intersection concluded that a new intersection design will address the deficiencies.

Project Name: U.S. Route 313 Transportation Improvements

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Quakertown, Bucks County, PA

Request: \$1,950,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

<u>U.S. Route 313 Transportation Improvements</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1,950,000 for transportation improvements on U.S. Route 313 in Bucks County, PA, a corridor used by both pedestrians and vehicles. The improvements are intended to make the corridor safer by calming traffic, providing lighting and a critical wayfinding system meant to provide important information to those using the U.S. Route 313 corridor. Other pedestrian amenities will include a pedestrian walk that provides safe travel from the downtown corridor to the recreation areas.

Project Name: U.S. Route 322 Corridor Safety Improvements

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Centre County, PA

Request: \$1,500,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

<u>U.S. Route 322 Corridor Safety Improvements</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1,500,000 to design and construct high-priority safety improvements on an existing two-lane section of U.S. Route 322 between Potters Mills and Boalsburg in Centre County, to reduce the number of injuries and fatalities resulting from a high incidence of crashes on this heavily traveled roadway. Over 160 reportable crashes occurred in this section of Route 322 from 2004 through 2009, including five fatalities.

Project Name: U.S. Route 422/Sanatoga Interchange

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Limerick Township, Montgomery County, PA

Request: \$2,500,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

<u>U.S. Route 422/Sanatoga Interchange</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$2,500,000 for improvements to the U.S. Route 422/Sanatoga Interchange to mitigate current congestion and traffic that will result from planned commercial development. To accommodate both population increases as well as commercial and retail development pressures, Limerick Township has recognized the need for specific infrastructure improvements. U.S. Route 422 is among the most highly congested corridors in the region and improvements to the Sanatoga Interchange will improve regional mobility and drive economic development.

Project Name: Valley View Business Park Access Road

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Lackawanna County, PA

Request: \$8,000,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

<u>Valley View Business Park Access Road</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$8,000,000 to construct a new access road to support the 1,300 acre Valley View Business Park regional commerce center in Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania. This business park project was initiated to convert a Brownfield site, which has lain dormant for centuries, into a hub of commercial activity which will produce jobs and create new tax revenue. This funding will help create the infrastructure needed to support and provide necessary connectivity to the park.

Project Name: Waddle Road Bridge Improvements

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Patton Township, Centre County, PA

Request: \$1,000,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

<u>Waddle Road Bridge Improvements</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1,000,000 for constructing necessary improvements to the Waddle Road Bridge at its interchange with U.S. Route 322. Improvements to the Waddle Road Bridge will alleviate existing congestion, provide dedicated bike and pedestrian lanes, increase access for emergency vehicles and help facilitate economic development in Patton Township. Specifically, funding will be used for roadway and ramp widening.

Project Name: Wood Street Corridor Upgrade

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, PA

Request: \$1,500,000

Account: Surface Transportation Priorities

Wood Street Corridor Upgrade – I urge the Subcommittee the provide \$1,500,000 for the Wood Street Corridor Upgrade project, which will significantly improve the existing street system for traffic and pedestrians around Point Park University in Downtown Pittsburgh. The project is part of the University's larger Academic Village Initiative, which will enhance the University campus and the surrounding downtown Pittsburgh neighborhood. Specifically, funding will be used to improve Wood Street from Fort Pitt Boulevard to Forbes Avenue through the milling and resurfacing of streets; installation of accessible sidewalks and curbs; the addition of distinctive pedestrian-scaled street lighting and new and efficient signaling systems.

FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

Project Name: Chicora Bridge Safety Improvements Grantee: Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc.

Location: Butler County, PA

Request: \$800,000

Account: Rail Line Relocation and Improvement Program

<u>Chicora Bridge Safety Improvements</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$800,000 for the Buffalo & Pittsburgh Railroad, Inc. to undertake necessary engineering work to design the replacements for four inadequate wooden trestle bridges on the Northern Subdivision in Butler County, PA. These bridges serve a critical role in supporting three industrial petro chemical manufacturing facilities in Butler County, which collectively employ thousands of workers.

Project Name: Dillerville Rail Yard Relocation

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Lancaster, Lancaster County, PA

Request: \$1,500,000

Account: Rail Line Relocation and Improvement Program

<u>Dillerville Rail Yard Relocation</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1,500,000 to relocate the Norfolk Southern Dillerville Rail Yard to facilitate the connection between the City of Lancaster's east and west street grid system. The project is part of the second phase of a larger economic development initiative known as the "Northwest Gateway Project" that will transform nearly one-quarter of the City of Lancaster by redeveloping the abandoned Armstrong Industrial site into a project consisting of educational and medical facilities and mixed uses, and will also provide Norfolk Southern the ability to meet their customers' growing demands.

Project Name: Pennsylvania High Speed Maglev

Grantee: Magley, Inc.

Location: Allegheny County, PA

Request: \$5,000,000

Account: Federal Railroad Administration

<u>Pennsylvania Project High Speed Maglev</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$5,000,000 to continue progress towards deploying a 54-mile high-speed Maglev system and industry in Pennsylvania. Funding will be used for engineering and development of the Operation and Maintenance Facilities, further utilization of advanced expertise in laser and GPS technology to refine and improve precision alignment, reduce costs and integrate High-Speed Maglev with existing terrain, structures and other transportation systems.

Project Name: Tamaqua to Mt. Carmel Safety and Corridor Improvement Project

Grantee: Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad Company

Location: Schuylkill County, PA

Request: \$2,000,000

Account: Rail Line Relocation and Improvement Program

<u>Tamaqua to Mt. Carmel Safety and Corridor Improvement Project</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$2,000,000 to upgrade 24 miles of track between Milepost 107-131 and the Buck Rail Tunnel to increase train speeds and better serve businesses. These rail upgrades will reduce blockage of highway crossings and help keep thousands of heavy trucks off local roads.

Project Name: Three Rivers Marine & Rail Terminals Rail Expansion

Grantee: Three Rivers Marine & Rail Terminals

Location: Westmoreland County, PA

Request: \$1,200,000

Account: Rail Line Relocation and Improvement Program

<u>Three Rivers Marine & Rail Terminals Rail Expansion</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1,200,000 for Three Rivers Marine & Rail Terminals to construct 5,063 feet of storage tracks with the associated switches to ladder these tracks off of the existing mainline along the Monongahela River in Westmoreland County. The additional track will enable Three Rivers Marine & Rail Terminals to be a train destination for frac sand and ethanol distribution and other new industries that will require the necessary distribution infrastructure.

Project Name: Tioga Marine Terminal Access Enhancements

Grantee: Philadelphia Regional Port Authority

Location: Philadelphia, PA

Request: \$760,000

Account: Rail Line Relocation and Improvement Program

<u>Tioga Marine Terminal Access Enhancements</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$760,000 for the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority to design and construct rail infrastructure improvements to provide greater access to the Tioga Marine Terminal and other industries at the Port of Philadelphia. This project will increase the amount of shipments that can be transported to the Tioga Marine Terminal by rail as opposed to truck, thus helping to reduce congestion on area highways and local roads. Proposed improvements include reducing the turning radius on several segments and increasing clearance to accommodate high and wide rail shipments.

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

Bus and Bus Facilities

Project Name: Ardmore Transit Center

Grantee: Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority Location: Lower Merion Township, Montgomery County, PA

Request: \$10,000,000

Account: Bus and Bus Facilities

Ardmore Transit Center – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$10,000,000 for the construction of a new Ardmore Transit Center. Significant parking and mass transit facilities deficiencies have been identified in the Ardmore area of Lower Merion Township. The inadequate train and bus station facilities and shortage of parking have significant negative impact on the use of mass transit. Specifically, the Ardmore Train Station is in need of renovation and funding will be used to construct a facility with accessible high-level platforms, drop-off and pick-up areas, multi-level parking garage, and bus facilities.

Project Name: ATANCP Vehicle Replacements

Grantee: Area Transportation Authority of North Central Pennsylvania Location: Cameron, Clearfield, Elk, Jefferson, McKean and Potter counties

Request: \$1,000,000

Account: Bus and Bus Facilities

<u>ATANCP Vehicle Replacements</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1,000,000 for the Area Transportation Authority of North Central Pennsylvania. Funding will provide for the replacement of small bus equipment currently operating in service, which cannot be repaired. Vehicles provide transportation access to transportation dependent including pre-school aged children, disabled, elderly and otherwise disadvantaged.

Project Name: Bus Fare Collection System Modernization

Grantee: Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority

Location: City of Philadelphia, PA

Request: \$10.000.000

Account: Bus and Bus Facilities

<u>Bus Fare Collection System Modernization</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$10,000,000 for the acquisition of a new fare payment system on Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) buses to create an electronic fare payment and fare collection system that enables SEPTA riders to access all transit services through a common electronic fare media. SEPTA's objective is to apply a consistent design

philosophy and utilize compatible software across all transit modes, including bus, rubber tire trolley buses, subway, light rail, commuter rail, and paratransit service.

Project Name: Butler LEED Intermodal Project

Grantee: Butler Transit Authority Location: Butler County, PA

Request: \$1,500,000

Account: Bus and Bus Facilities

<u>Butler LEED Intermodal Project</u> - I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1,500,000 for the completion of the LEED Certified Intermodal Project in the City of Butler, PA. Funding restraints required that the project be completed in two phases. This funding request is to complete the intermodal phase of the project. This funding will close the gap needed to complete the construction of a passenger wait area and build out of the park and ride area.

Project Name: Cambria County Transit Authority Operations and Maintenance Facility

Grantee: Cambria County Transit Authority

Location: Cambria County, PA

Request: \$8,000,000

Account: Bus and Bus Facilities

Cambria County Transit Authority Operations and Maintenance Facility – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$8,000,000 to design and construct the maintenance building that will be part of a new, LEED compliant urban operations and maintenance facility for the Cambria County Transit Authority. The current operations and maintenance facility was built in 1893. The facility is in disrepair, needs electrical and major HVAC upgrades, and is severely limited in space. A state-funded facility assessment study concluded that it would be cost prohibitive and likely structurally impossible to rehabilitate the current facility and therefore the Transit Authority must construct a new building.

Project Name: CATA Bus Safety Upgrades Grantee: Centre Area Transit Authority

Location: Centre County, PA

Request: \$680,000

Account: Bus and Bus Facilities

<u>CATA Bus Safety Upgrades</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$680,000 for the Centre Area Transit Authority for upgrades to their bus fleet. This project is part of a multi-phase effort to improve buses and service, all with a focus on enhancing security, safety and convenience for passengers. This phase for which this funding is requested includes the addition of video cameras on the buses, a mobile dispatch unit to allow CATA employees to coordinate service and respond to emergencies from the road and radio upgrades to bring CATA into compliance with pending FCC regulations.

Project Name: Centennial District Intermodal Transportation Facility

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: City of Philadelphia, PA

Request: \$2,500,000

Account: Bus and Bus Facilities

<u>Centennial District Intermodal Transportation Facility</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$2,500,000 for the construction of an intermodal facility, located along the southern boundary of West Girard Avenue, adjacent to its intersection with North 34th Street, in the City of Philadelphia. This 4-acre tract of land, currently in use as a surface parking lot, will be transformed into an intermodal facility, linking vehicular access with pedestrian and bicycle routes and transit bus service.

Project Name: City Hall Station Renovation

Grantee: Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority

Location: City of Philadelphia, PA

Request: \$10,000,000

Account: Bus and Bus Facilities

<u>City Hall Station Renovation</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$10,000,000 for the Renovation of the Philadelphia City Hall Station. In conjunction with the Center City District's proposed renovation of Dilworth Plaza, SEPTA plans to perform an early action phase of its City Hall Station Renovation project, including elevators, signage, inter-station corridors, waterproofing, and ventilation improvements. Dilworth Plaza, located on the west side of City Hall, provides access to the Broad Street Subway, Market-Frankford Subway Elevated, 13 Regional Rail lines, and several SEPTA bus routes in close proximity to this site.

Project Name: Cumberland-Dauphin-Harrisburg Transit Authority Bus Purchases

Grantee: Cumberland-Dauphin-Harrisburg Transit Authority

Location: Dauphin and Cumberland Counties, PA

Request: \$4,160,000

Account: Bus and Bus Facilities

<u>Cumberland-Dauphin-Harrisburg Transit Authority Bus Purchases</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$4,160,000 for the purchase of 13 35-foot Low Floor Diesel Buses to replace 13 of the 21 - 2001 model 30-foot buses currently in use. New buses which replace older buses having reached their useful life standard will be more efficient to operate, increasing the number of miles operated per gallon of fuel consumed, will reduce the cost of replacement parts and maintenance labor while providing a more modern vehicle fleet for the citizens along with safer equipment to operate.

Project Name: Donora Intermodal Transit Facility
Grantee: Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority
Location: Donora, Washington County, PA

Request: \$ 3,604,113

Account: Bus and Bus Facilities

<u>Donora Intermodal Transit Facility</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$3,604,113 for construction of a new transit facility for the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority. The new facility will be created by renovating a former industrial structure, which is situated on a Brownfield site. The first phase of this project is complete and all necessary permits and environmental approvals have been secured. The second phase of the project will include construction of administrative offices for the authority's transportation provider, vehicle storage, passenger amenities and waiting areas, Park and Ride facilities and regional connectivity.

Project Name: EMTA Joint Transit Operational Facility
Grantee: Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority

Location: Erie, Erie County, PA

Request: \$3,000,000

Account: Bus and Bus Facilities

EMTA Joint Transit Operational Facility – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$3,000,000 to complete the final design and initial site preparations for the first phase of the new maintenance and operations facility for Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority, the largest provider of public transportation in the region. EMTA ridership continues to grow, and to meet increased demands, EMTA needs to gain additional efficiencies to bringing both fixed route and paratransit operations under one roof, in addition to explore all aspects of using alternative energy strategies to reduce costs and to make the overall service delivery more efficient.

Project Name: Franklin Street Station Intermodal

Grantee: Berks Area Reading Transportation Authority

Location: Berks County, PA

Request: \$400,000

Account: Bus and Bus Facilities

<u>Franklin Street Station Intermodal</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$400,000 for the design, engineering and construction required to rehabilitate, restore and develop the historic Reading Railroad Franklin Street Station located next to the Berks Area Reading Transportation Authority Park-N-Transit Facility. Funds will also be used to convert the historic station to a modern, more efficient and environmentally sound facility.

Project Name: Hazleton Intermodal Center

Grantee: PENNDOT

Location: Hazleton, Luzerne County, PA

Request: \$8,800,000

Account: Bus and Bus Facilities

<u>Hazleton Intermodal Center</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$8,800,000 to complete the Hazleton Intermodal Center Project, which will encourage development on a former blighted property, offer access to all modes of transportation in Hazleton and surrounding area, attract business the downtown area. The City of Hazleton constructed the initial phase of the new facility, which was opened in November, 2009. This funding will be used for the second phase, which will greatly expand parking capacity for local colleges, downtown businesses and employees and riders utilizing the intermodal center.

Project Name: LANTA Hybrid Bus Acquisition

Grantee: Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority

Location: Lehigh and Northampton Counties, PA

Request: \$1,500,000

Account: Bus and Bus Facilities

<u>LANTA Hybrid Bus Acquisition</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1,500,000 for Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority to support the purchase of twenty heavy-duty hybrid powered transit buses. The buses will be used to replace buses purchased in 1998 and to continue LANTA expansion efforts.

Project Name: Paoli Transportation Center

Grantee: Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority

Location: Paoli, Chester County, PA

Request: \$5,000,000

Account: Bus and Bus Facilities

<u>Paoli Transportation Center</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$5,000,000 for engineering and construction of a transportation center in Paoli, Chester County. Paoli Station is one of the most utilized SEPTA passenger facilities outside of Center City Philadelphia, with average daily ridership of 1,282 passengers. This station complex must be reconstructed to address the needs of the ever-increasing number of bus and train customers using this facility.

Project Name: Port Authority of Allegheny County Bus Rapid Transit Initiatives

Grantee: Port Authority of Allegheny County
Location: City of Pittsburg, Allegheny County, PA

Request: \$10,000,000

Account: Bus and Bus Facilities

Port Authority of Allegheny County Bus Rapid Transit Initiatives – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$10,000,000 for the Port Authority of Allegheny County to initiate Bus Rapid Transit options for Allegheny County. Enhanced bus service from Downtown Pittsburgh to Oakland would provide efficient urban transit service. The integration with the Port Authority's existing light-rail system, including the extension of the system under the Allegheny River to Pittsburgh's North Shore and the extensive dedicated busway rapid transit network will leverage the Port Authority's existing assets to provide more transportation choices and increase the livability of the region.

Project Name: Port Authority of Allegheny County Hybrid Buses

Grantee: Port Authority of Allegheny County
Location: City of Pittsburg, Allegheny County, PA

Request: \$10,000,000

Account: Bus and Bus Facilities

<u>Port Authority of Allegheny County Hybrid Buses</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$10,000,000 for the Port Authority of Allegheny County to purchase Hybrid buses. These buses have proven to reduce fuel consumption, maintenance costs and most importantly emissions to improve air quality. The hybrid buses emit 95 percent less particle matter than the buses they will replace.

Project Name: River Valley Transit Centre

Grantee: River Valley Transit

Location: Williamsport, Lycoming County, PA

Request: \$1,500,000

Account: Bus and Bus Facilities

<u>River Valley Transit Centre</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1,500,000 for the River Valley Transit Centre. This new facility will provide additional bus bays to improve access to public transit service for the City of Williamsport. The project will also provide a multi-level transportation facility that includes 325 parking spaces to support Park-n-Ride opportunities, transit employees and tenants of the transit facility. This facility will replace the Mid-Town Parking Deck which had been condemned by the City Engineer.

Project Name: Villanova Intermodal Facility Improvements

Grantee: Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority

Location: Villanova, PA Request: \$5,000,000 Account: Bus and Bus Facilities

<u>Villanova Intermodal Facility Improvements-</u> I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$5,000,000 for the modernization of the SEPTA Villanova Intermodal Station. The project will provide for the construction of high level platforms for both inbound and outbound service. A new pedestrian underpass will be constructed, as well as ADA compliant ramps and stairs. New platform canopies for inbound and outbound service and accommodation for a bus stop will also be provided. The work also includes the rehabilitation of the ticket office building exterior.

Project Name: York County Transportation Authority Maintenance and Operations Facility

Grantee: York County Transportation Authority

Location: York County, PA

Request: \$2,250,000

Account: Bus and Bus Facilities

York County Transportation Authority Maintenance and Operations Facility – I urge the subcommittee to provide \$2,250,000 for the York County Transportation Authority (YCTA) to design and construct a new operations and maintenance facility. YCTA has been in its current location for nearly 20 years and has outgrown the facility, including operating 86 buses when the facility can only accommodate 65. YCTA used federal, state and local funding to purchase a building and the requested funding will be used to convert the warehouse facility to the new transit operating and maintenance facility.

Alternatives Analysis

Project Name: Newtown Line Feasibility Study and Alternatives Analysis

Grantee: Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission

Location: Bucks County, PA

Request: \$750,000

Account: Alternatives Analysis

Newtown Line Feasibility Study and Alternatives Analysis – Funding will be used for a feasibility study and alternatives analysis for a proposal to reactivate commuter rail service on the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority's (SEPTA) Newtown Commuter Rail Line into southern Bucks County. Funding will be used to conduct all necessary studies for an alternatives analysis to develop a locally preferred alternative.

Project Name: Philadelphia Waterfront Transit Expansion Project Grantee: Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority

Location: City of Philadelphia, PA

Request: \$10,000,000

Account: Alternatives Analysis

<u>Philadelphia Waterfront Transit Expansion Project</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$10,000,000 to fund a supplemental analysis that will ready the Philadelphia Waterfront Transit Expansion project for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Major Transportation Investment Process. This critical stage of the project's development will refine the locally preferred alternative, assess environmental impacts and conduct preliminary engineering to improve the project's viability for the highly competitive FTA "New Starts" program.

Research and University Research Centers

Project Name: California University of Pennsylvania Sky Shuttle (CUPSS) Urban Maglev Demonstration

Test Facility

Grantee: California University of Pennsylvania Location: California, Washington County, PA

Request: \$5,000,000

Account: Research and University Research Centers

<u>CUPSS Urban Maglev Demonstration Test Facility</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$5,000,000 for, engineering, design and environmental work for the California University of Pennsylvania Sky Shuttle, a 4 mile long, 7 stop, four 100 passenger vehicle, elevated Urban Maglev Transportation System. CUPSS is also a National Urban Maglev Demonstration Test Facility for both passenger and cargo transportation.

New Starts

Project Name: Lackawanna Cutoff Passenger Rail Restoration Grantee: PA Northeast Regional Railroad Authority

Location: Lackawanna County, PA

Request: \$10,000,000 Account: New Starts

<u>Lackawanna Cutoff Passenger Rail Restoration</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$10,000,000 for the restoration of rail passenger service between Andover, New Jersey and East Stroudsburg/Analomink, Pennsylvania. Station stops will include Analomink, East Stroudsburg and Delaware Water Gap, PA. A dire need exists for this service to alleviate the critical congestion that is occurring on Interstate 80 which is the only existing transportation alternative in this corridor. This service will benefit commuters in New Jersey and Pennsylvania by providing an alternative means of commuter service to a region that has no alternative.

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

Operating and Maintenance

Project Name: Erie Inland Port--Carmeuse Terminal Enhancements Grantee: Greater Erie Industrial Development Corporation

Location: Erie County, PA

Request: \$760,000

Account: Operating and Maintenance

<u>Erie Inland Port--Carmeuse Terminal Enhancements</u> – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$760,000 to complete the necessary upgrades and equipment purchases to give Erie the capability to handle weekly shipments of containers at the Carmeuse Terminal. The site improvements include access road maintenance, security gate upgrades, automatic gate purchase, security lighting, clearing for load/unload activities, and

electrical upgrades. The establishment of container handling in northwest Pennsylvania provides support for the planned intermodal distribution center and logistics hub.

U.S. Department of Transportation (programs)

Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration: I urge the Subcommittee to increase funding levels above the President's request for both the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration, \$42.1 billion and \$10.8 billion respectively. Infrastructure investments are critical to moving our economy forward, creating good paying jobs, and addressing the growing deficiencies in our highways, bridges, and transit systems. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, every dollar invested in the nation's highway system yields \$5.40 in economic benefits from reduced delays, improved safety and lower vehicle operating costs and every billion dollars in federal highway construction spending generates more than 30,000 jobs annually. In the long term, we must also move forward with a comprehensive, long-term reauthorization of the surface transportation programs to address funding shortages and expand critical infrastructure programs.

Essential Air Service: Essential Air Service provides critical funding for small airports, which are vital to promoting local business and development. Without air service, the local economy can be stifled and transportation options are limited. I urge the subcommittee to support the administration's request of \$182 million for the program.

National Infrastructure Innovation and Finance Fund (NIIFF): I support the Administration's request of \$4 billion for a new program intended to fund major projects of national, regional or local significance. The program combines a mix of grants, loans and loan guarantees for major infrastructure investments, such as highways, bridges, transit, passenger and freight rail, including Amtrak, aviation and port and maritime investments.

High Speed Rail: I support the Administration's continued commitment to develop High Speed Rail in the United States. I urge the subcommittee to support the President's request for \$1 billion for the "Capital Assistance for High Speed Rail Corridors and Intercity Passenger Rail Service" program.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (grants)

Recipient: Beaver County Corporation for Economic Development

Location: Beaver, PA

Amount Requested: \$200,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Beaver County Corporation for Economic Development for the redevelopment of LTV Aliquippa Industrial Site. Funds will be used for planning, design, renovation, and construction of an industrial site which will become a thriving commerce center for the region. The site is already 40% complete and has two companies ready to move in, pending wastewater infrastructure. Once the site is fully developed, the Beaver County Corporation for Economic Development estimates that this economic development project will create approximately 200 jobs.

Recipient: Bedford County Development Association

Location: Bedford, PA

Amount Requested: \$200,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Bedford County Development Association for the 2nd phase of development for a business park. Funds will be used for planning, design, renovation, and construction of a 143 acre business park, of which 90 acres are "shovel ready" and still need to be developed. The first phase of the business park has already attracted two tenants, and this proposed economic development project will help attract new businesses to the area. Bedford County Development Association estimates that the business park will generate approximately 500 jobs for the region.

Recipient: City of Easton **Location:** Easton, PA

Amount Requested: \$200,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for City of Easton for the 13th Street Silk Mill Redevelopment project. Funds will be used for planning, design, renovation, and construction of a mixed-use economic development project, which will include residential units, commercial office space, and a hotel. The City of Easton estimates that the total economic development project will create approximately 200 jobs and will boost the local, county and school taxes by approximately \$1.5 million per year.

Recipient: Esperanza Location: Philadelphia, PA Amount Requested: \$200,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Esperanza for the Hunting Park Rehabilitation project. Funds will be used for planning, design, renovation, and construction of homes in the Hunting Park neighborhood of Philadelphia. Esperanza can help stabilize neighborhoods through the rehabilitation of abandoned homes, and estimates that the rehabilitation project will create 15 jobs.

Recipient: Fayette County **Location:** Uniontown, PA **Amount Requested:** \$200,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Fayette County for the development of a business park. Funds will be used for planning, design, and construction of the Fayette County Business Park. The business park has already developed the first three phases of the park and has attracted over \$10 million from tenants, including professional offices and a motel. Yet additional development must still occur to finish the economic development project. According to Fayette County, this project will create 16 construction jobs.

Recipient: Greenville Area Economic Development Corporation

Location: Greenville, PA **Amount Requested:** \$200,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Greenville Area Economic Development Corporation for a downtown revitalization project. Funds will be used for planning, design, renovation, and construction of a blighted area in downtown Greenville, PA. The blighted buildings are deterring business from locating in the region and are diminishing the property value of local businesses. This redevelopment project will help reverse the trend of the abandoned and deteriorating properties in the

area, and will help spur new growth. According to Greenville Area Economic Development Corporation, this project will create between 15 and 30 jobs.

Recipient: Lebanon County Location: Lebanon, PA

Amount Requested: \$200,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Lebanon County for housing rehabilitation. Funds will be used for planning, design, renovation, and construction of mixed use livable communities, known as the North Cornwall Commons project. In all, the development project will include approximately 108 acres of residential, retail, and office space with pedestrian and transit access. According to Lebanon County, the overall project will create approximately 4,000 construction jobs, as well as 2,800 direct jobs when the project is complete.

Recipient: Ogontz Avenue Revitalization Corporation

Location: Philadelphia, PA **Amount Requested:** \$200,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Ogontz Avenue Revitalization Corporation (OARC) for an energy efficiency housing and economic development project. Funds will be used for planning, design, renovation, and construction of housing units in Philadelphia, PA. This initiative is part of OARC's Urban Energy Conservation Program, which will provide approximately 15,000 homes with energy efficient products and services. This initiative will help weatherize several of these homes, thereby reducing the average homeowner approximately \$350 in the first year. According to OARC, the Urban Energy Conservation Program will create approximately 190 jobs.

Recipient: Our City Reading, Inc.

Location: Reading, PA

Amount Requested: \$200,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for Our City Reading, Inc. for housing rehabilitation. Funds will be used for planning, design, renovation, and construction of homes, which will be sold to first time homebuyers who are of low to moderate income. The organization has already renovated over 420 abandoned/vacant homes, which are now occupied by residents, thereby adding over \$25 million in taxable properties. Our City Reading, Inc. estimates that this project would create 40 jobs.

Recipient: City of Wilkes-Barre Location: Wilkes-Barre, PA Amount Requested: \$200,000

Project Description: I urge the Subcommittee to provide funding for the City of Wilkes-Barre for the renovation of the downtown business district. Funds will be used for planning, design, and renovations in downtown Wilkes-Barre. This project is designed to foster economic development that is vital to the future of the city, while also enhancing public safety. This is a "main street" project which will encourage economic investment in the community and will ultimately create sustainable jobs for residents of the city. The City of Wilkes-Barre estimates that this economic development initiative will create 10 construction jobs and an additional 20 permanent jobs.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (programs)

Public and Indian Housing:

Public Housing Capital Fund: I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$2.5 billion for the Public Housing Capital Fund, approximately \$455 million above the President's FY11 budget request. This program enhances the nation's public housing stock by financing modernization and management improvement initiatives across the country. Over 3,100 public housing authorities utilize these capital funds and make important safety improvements and energy efficiency upgrades.

Public Housing Drug Elimination Program: I urge the Subcommittee to provide adequate funding for the Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP); the President's FY11 budget request did not include funding for this important program. In 2009, an individual was unfortunately shot and killed while working for the public housing authority in Philadelphia, PA. It is evident that public housing authorities require additional assistance from the federal government to help combat crime and drug abuse in public housing.

Community Planning and Development:

Community Development Block Grants: I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$4.45 billion for the CDBG program, approximately \$69 million above the President's FY11 budget request. The CDBG grants help states and local municipalities advance important projects that are of an urgent nature, eliminate blight, and/or help low and moderate-income persons. By providing flexibility in the usage of CDBG funds, the program helps ensure that the local decision-makers are poised to react to the unique needs of each community.

Brownfields Redevelopment Program: I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$17.5 million to support the redevelopment of brownfields. While I am cognizant of the Administration's concerns that the Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) could be implemented in a more efficient manner, I strongly oppose zeroing-out the BEDI program in FY11. Instead, I support funding the BEDI program at the FY10 enacted level, and encourage HUD to examine methods to increase the program's efficiency and productivity.

Homeless Assistance Grants: I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$2.4 billion for Homeless Assistance Grants (HAG), the same as the President's FY11 budget request. In particular, I strongly support the Administration's emphasis on reducing homelessness among veterans through enhanced partnerships between HUD and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Section 4 Capacity Building Program: I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$60 million for FY11, the same as the President's FY11 budget request. This program helps nonprofit community development corporations across the nation, including Habitat for Humanity, Enterprise Community Partners, and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation leverage private and public investment to expand important services to the community.

Housing Programs:

Housing for the Elderly (Section 202): I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$825 million, approximately \$551 million above the President's FY11 budget request. While I agree with the Administration's recommendation to redesign the program to better target resources, I am deeply concerned with HUD's request to suspend funds for capital advance grants. Instead, the program should be fully funded at last year's enacted levels while the program is redesigned for future years.

Housing for Persons with Disabilities (Section 811): I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$300 million for the Housing for Persons with Disabilities (Section 811) program, approximately \$209 million above the President's FY11 budget request. The program provides funding to nonprofit organizations to help develop multifamily housing for low-income people with disabilities. By increasing the supply of rental housing, this program helps ensure that persons with disabilities can live as independently as possible.

Housing Counseling Assistance Program: I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$100 million for the Housing Counseling Assistance Program to help prospective homeowners receive pre-purchase counseling. This funding will help prevent delinquency and avoid future housing crises.

Related Agencies

National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak): Preservation of Amtrak's passenger service is a matter of great national significance. It provides a vital service for the entire nation, particularly for the highly congested eastern seaboard. A nation without a truly national passenger rail system is severely disadvantaged. Inadequate Amtrak funding would result in added air pollution, increased congestion on highways and airways, and ultimately require additional federal funds for highway and airport construction. Accordingly, I urge the Subcommittee to provide no less than \$1.025 billion in capital funding for Amtrak, \$592 million in operating funding, and increased funding for compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, and Amtrak's fleet acquisition program.

Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation: I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$180 million for the National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling (NFMC) program. This important program helps homeowners reduce their monthly payments, thereby helping to avoid foreclosure and keeping families in their homes.